

In the Claims

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (Amended) A container as claimed in claim 12[, and including a container as claimed in claim 13.] and adapted to contain a straight needle and a suture threaded thereto; wherein said instrument recess is elongated and closed at one end and adapted to receive said straight needle, and including a suture recess for receiving said suture.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to indicate the relationship of the subject U.S. national application to previously filed applications as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.78, and to delete a multiple dependent claim. With the entry of the foregoing amendments, the application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Consideration of the claims, leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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